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**REPLY TO ACTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 2005**

This is a reply to the action dated December 21, 2005. Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, appear in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** are provided on page 13 of this paper.

**Conclusions** are provided on page 13 of this paper.